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Romney bashes Obama

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Forget abortion and same-sex marriage: Republican Mitt Romney has made a crisp pivot toward the economy, and Friday's dismal jobs numbers are providing the latest anti-Obama fodder to boost his White House bid.

Ever since he outlasted all Republican contenders to become the presumptive nominee, Romney and his surrogates have zeroed in on what resonates with a broader swathe of Americans: their pocketbooks.

Republicans have repeatedly stressed that "Obamanomics" have left corporate America skittish and crying out for policies that would remove the uncertainty over tax rates and regulations that weigh down on innovation, investment and ultimately job creation.

Harsh critiques swelled to a crescendo Friday, after the Labor Department announced the US economy added just 69,000 jobs in May, far fewer than expected, and bumping the unemployment rate up to 8.2 percent.

Romney, called the figures "devastating," part of a "cascade" of economic woes.

"Slowing GDP growth, plunging consumer confi-

dence, an increase in unemployment claims, and now another dismal jobs report all stand as a harsh indictment of the president's handling of the economy," he said.

"It is now clear to everyone that President Obama's policies have failed to achieve their goals and that the Obama economy is crushing America's middle class."

Obama hit back, insisting financial troubles across the Atlantic were partly to blame.

"We've had a crisis in Europe's economy that is having an impact worldwide and it's starting to cast a shadow on our own as well," he told supporters in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Romney, locked in an increasingly tight race with the president, was having none of it.

"This has been going on for a lot longer than just the crisis of the euro," he told CNBC television.

"This (US) crisis has been going on for 40 months. And unfortunately, you've had a president that's been more focused on his perspective of his historical legislative achievements than on getting people back to work," he said, referring to Obama ramming his signature health care reform through Congress.

ATSA continues successful collaborative efforts with Interval International



With 200,000 room nights in Interval International (II) bookings to Aruba accomplished each year, the island is recognized as one of the most popular vacation destinations among timeshare exchangers. Aruba's individual timeshare resorts, as well as the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA), maintain close ties with II in ensuring the island maintains high occupancy levels as well as a steady flow of new visitors. Successful efforts of collaboration were once again on display during a recent visit by II Director of Caribbean and Florida Resort Sales and Services Neil Kolton, who was on island last week to recognize Aruba-based resorts that contributed to the CHTA Education Founda-

"Aruba offers an extensive inventory through its many timeshare resorts, but it is considered prime inventory, and 99% of that inventory is sold." comments Kolton. "Typically, four-month advance-planning is necessary

to secure a room in Aruba. In our worldwide network, the Caribbean remains the most desired destination, with Aruba consistently one of the most popular vacation choices."

The promise of idyllic vacations in Aruba, combined with the high quality product offered by the island's wide variety of timeshare resorts, has placed the island in a strong trading position for vacation exchanges, which presents benefits for all concerned.

"Timeshare is important for the island, not only in bringing back repeat guests, but also in introducing new visitors to the island through exchange networks," remarks ATSA President Jan van Nes. "Up to 40% of timeshare guests are exchangers who are getting their first taste of the island, taking advantage of all the island's amenities, and who represent an opportunity to further increase Aruba's overall tourism numbers."

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Soul Beach staff bid a sad farewell to Kristin Hinkle



Staff of THE MORNING NEWS extends their condolences to the friends and Soul Beach Music Festival "family" of Kristin Hinkle, whose most fervent wish, to attend another Memorial Day Weekend on Aruba with those who were most dear, was granted before she fell into a coma and died on Thursday morning, May 31. She had been attending the festival annually since 2005, working with Soul Beach on arranging transport for attendees while on the island

The newspaper is very

pleased to learn they provided one final truly happy moment for Kristen, friends and family when photographer Rosalie Klein serendipitously decided to take a photo of them as a group with headliner Gina Yashere on the night of the Soul Beach Comedy Jam on Friday, May 26..

Kristin was a frail figure in her wheelchair, having lost 80 pounds since January after an unsuccessful new treatment for cancer, which she had been battling for 10 years. It was upon her arrival on Aruba that she took to the

chair, Rosalie Klein though she could use some cheering up. Gina graciously and enthusiastically agreed to the group photo.

Kristin had requested all her friends to come dressed in white, well aware of the delicacy of her condition, while contemplating a possible new course of treatment when she returned to the U.S. Sadly, after the weekend she began "fading fast" according to a close friend, and was gone within a few days. He does report that she, along with all her close friends and those in the picture, were thrilled to see it make the front page of Monday's edition of THE MORNING NEWS

"It was simply the frosting on the cake," reports coworker and friend Anthony Bostic.

An informal viewing and services was conducted yesterday morning at Aurora Funeral Home by the request of the many islanders who had worked with Kristin and felt great affection for her. A formal funeral will be conducted upon her return to Maryland.

ATSA continues successful collaborative efforts with Interval International

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The partnership ATSA holds with II, together with its member resorts, has also helped to contribute to regional goals, such as in providing scholarships and grants to promising Carib-bean students pursuing careers in hospitality.

II's Kolton recently helped recognize the Aruba Beach Club, Caribbean Palm Village Resort, La Cabana Beach

& Racquet Club, Paradise Beach Villas, Playa Linda Beach Resort, Marriott Vacation Club and Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino for its generous contributions to the CHTA Education Foundation.

Collaborative efforts with



II Director of Caribbean and Florida Resort Sales and Services Neil Kolton

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Aruba Art Circle in cooperation with Prins Bernardfonds and **Directie Cultuur Aruba presents** Tour D'Azul



This Sunday, June 3, at the Cas di Cultura Aruba Art Circle in cooperation with Prins Bernhardfonds and Directie Cultuur will be presenting a tremendous concert: Tour D'Azul.

Duo Henk van Twillert on saxophone and Tjako van Schie on piano, together with Fado singer Ines Soares from Portugal and percussionist Marlon Conradus from Curaçao will be giving this awesome concert.

Henk van Twillers and Tjako van Schie are already known on Aruba since 2010 when they gave a wonderful concert in the National Li-



brary and last year also when Henk van Twillert with his orchestra of 10 saxophonists gave an unforgettable concert at the Marriott Hotel.

Besides being a blessed musician Henk van Twillert as a world citizen is inspired by the musical culture of the places he visits. The influence of Fado comes from his hometown Aveiro in Portugal and by his teachings in Porto. He grew up in

The Netherlands with classical music and still teaches this to his pupils in the Amsterdam Conservatory. In the Antilles he discovered in his previous tours the classical Antillean music of Jan Gerald Palm, Padu Lampe, Rufo Wever, Wim Statuis Muller, Livio Hermans and others. He became enchanted by this music which he perpetuated on his CD "A bag of Music."

The Tour d'Azul started in Curação, followed Bonaire and St. Maarten and ending on Aruba June 3rd at 8 p.m. in the Cas di Cultura.

The program of the concert will consists of music by Bach, Rachmaninov Faaure, Tango's from Piazolla, Brilliant Fado's from Jesus Zing and Mario Martin Guia, jazz plays from Gershwin and Sidney Becket and Antillean compositions of Wim Statuis Muller, Jan Gerald Palm, our Padu lampe and Livio Hermans.

Entrance fee will be: Gen-

eral AWG 40,- (US\$23,-) Members: AWG 35,-(US\$ 20 membership paid for 2012) and Youth tickets for AWG 20,- (US\$11.50).

General tickets are on presale at De Wit/Van Dorp and Plaza Bookshop Stores. Membership tickets can be reserved by calling 5823208.

Become a fan of Aruba International Film Festival page and win prizes







During the month of June, Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF) is giving away prizes.

The public has the chance to win great prizes, such as FREE concert tickets and tickets to movies showing during the week of June 22 - June 28.

AIFF started a campaign through the favorite social media of all ages: Facebook. Just visit the AIFF page and become a fan by liking the

The companies in charge

of this campaign are Squibel Apps and ELKA & Associates N.V.

The three lucky winners of the week, Roxanne Croes, Dijon Kock and Marsan Lacle were extremely happy, as they won FREE entrance tickets for the Marc Anthony concert and DJ Chuckie.

Photos depict the happy winners of the week.

Visit website their www.aiff.aw http://www.facebook.com/# !/ArubaFilmFest for more information.

International School of Aruba conducting musical/theater summer camp July 9-20



International School Aruba, ISA, is conducting a two week summer musical/theater experience titled Aruba's Stars on Stage that will introduce campers to all elements of a stage production. Daily sessions will focus on all areas of performance including singing, danc-

ing, and acting.

The camp will be directed by Donna Moss Ogle, the Faculty Advisor of the Mitchell College Drama Society at Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut and founder of the Marlboro Musical Theater Summer Camp in Marlboro, New Jersey. She will be joined by Heather-Choreographer, Powers, Acting Renaé Coach, Kevin Paul and Dance Assistant Marina Fong.

The two weeks will culminate in a performance that will showcase each individual student and his or her talents. Parents, family, and friends will be welcome to attend.

Donna and her staff are looking forward to providing this exciting opportunity to interact the children of Aruba.

Camp nours are 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. for two weeks; cost is 800 AWG.

It is for all island students completing OR entering grades 4-6 not only those attending the International School.

Registration forms are available at the ISA Office or email: info@isaruba.com.

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Fiat offers cut-price fuel for three years to Italian buyers

ROME (AFP) - Italian vehicle company Fiat offered new car buyers Friday the chance to purchase fuel at one euro (around \$1.24) a litre, about half the current price in Italy, for up to three years.

The offer, running through June and July, only applies to Fiat cars bought in Italy, and does not apply to other brands owned by the group, which include Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Maserati and Ferrari.

Under the deal, buyers are to receive a smart card enabling them to buy a quantity of petrol or diesel at the cut price, depending on the model purchased, from 4,500 litres of petrol for the new Freemont SUV to 1,200 for a small Panda.

The cards are valid in any of the 4,200 IP filling stations in Italy for three years from the date of acquiring the car.

Petrol prices are hovering around two euros a litre in Italy, having just been increased by two cents to help pay for reconstructing areas in the northeast of the country hit by two earthquakes last month.

The transport ministry said Friday that new car sales dropped in May by 14.26 percent to 147,102 vehicles, a reflection of the recession



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that has gripped the thirdbiggest eurozone economy.

Fiat sales were 11.2 percent lower in May, but its

market share increased to 31.58 percent from 30.51 percent in the same month a year earlier, the ministry data

showed.

The Italian automaker, which also owns the Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep

brands has received a boost from US sales that jumped by 30 percent on the year in May.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

International News

Putin stands firm on Syria, rejects intervention



PARIS (AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin stood firm Friday against growing pressure over Moscow's position on Syria, opposing military intervention and raising doubts about the effectiveness of sanctions.

But as he met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, Putin also warned the situation in Syria was "extremely dangerous" and said he saw emerging signs of a civil war.

Putin struck his traditional fiery tone in a joint press conference with Hollande, saying "sanctions hardly ever work in an efficient manner" and indicating that Bashar al-Assad's departure would not in itself resolve the crisis.

Hollande kept up the pressure however, insisting that Assad's departure was "a prerequisite for a political transition" and that "there must be sanctions" against his regime.

The two seemed to establish a good working rapport, however, as Putin, on his first foreign tour since returning to the Kremlin, met the newly elected French leader for the first time.

In Berlin, Putin had warned of the escalating danger from the Syrian conflict.

But he also continued to defy calls for tougher UN action to stop the violence, warning at a joint press conference with Merkel: "You cannot do anything by force and expect an immediate effect."

And he hit back at suggestions Moscow was supplying weapons for use in the internal

conflict, after the United States condemned Russian arms deliveries to Syria as "reprehensible".

Putin's brief trips to Berlin and Paris came amid mounting outrage in the West against Assad's regime after a massacre of 108 people, including women and children, in the town of Houla last week.

UN rights chief Navi Pillay said the massacre could be a crime against humanity.

Putin said Russia, Germany and their partners would do their utmost to stop the violence from escalating and help UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan, who has brokered a peace plan for Syria, achieve "positive results".

Putin said Moscow was not taking sides in the deadly strife rocking Syria, where the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says 13,000 people have been killed since Assad's regime launched a brutal crackdown on the opposition in March last year.

Judge revokes bail for Florida shooting suspect





MIAM (AFP) - A judge revoked the bail Friday for a Florida watch captain charged with killing an unarmed black teenager, and ordered him back to jail for misleading the court about his finances.

Prosecutors had filed a motion urging the bond to be revoked and accusing George Zimmerman of deceiving the court about his access to an Internet fundraising account and about holding a second passport, obtained two weeks after the February 26 shooting.

Seminole County Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Lester agreed with the request and revoked the bail for Zimmerman, who was not in court at the time. He said the guard had engaged in a "material falsehood" about his finances in the run-up to his April bail hearing, MSNBC television reported.

Zimmerman faces second-degree murder charges in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida. The case set off a wave of protests because police initially refused to take legal action against Zimmerman, 28, accepting his assertion that he shot the 17-year-old teenager in self-defense.

Following a wave of protests, Zimmerman was arrested April 11 and released on bail April 23. He has since been living at an undisclosed location, amid preliminary hearings and a continuing state investigation.

O'Mara said he hoped the bond would only be revoked temporarily.

Zimmerman "intentionally deceived the court...with the assistance of his wife," read the motion the prosecution filed to revoke the bond.

In setting Zimmerman's bond at \$150,000 "the court relied on false representations and statements" by the defendant and his wife, read the document, signed by Special Prosecutor Angela Corey.

Prosecutors say Zimmerman raised tens of thousands of dollars from online donations via a PayPal account for his legal defense, even as he was claiming to have no money.

Last month, O'Mara said that Zimmerman had raised more than \$200,000 through a fund set up through the online payment system PayPal.

That fund, however, was shut down in favor of a new account maintained by a third party.

In April, Zimmerman surrendered to the court a passport that expired in May 2012. But when officials checked the number with passport officials, they discovered that Zimmerman had reported that passport lost or stolen.

The passport office had issued Zimmerman a second passport that expired in 2013 - and Zimmerman spoke to his wife about that passport while in jail, according to recordings of the call included in the prosecution's motion.

'Canadian psycho' killed Chinese student: police

OTTAWA (AFP) - A macabre profile of a Canadian porn actor suspected of filming the dismemberment of a Chinese student and mailing his body parts emerged from his acquaintances and hundreds of websites Friday.

Lin Jun had been "in a relationship" with the suspect, Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, according to Montreal police commander Ian Lafreniere. Police say Magnotta fled to Europe on May 26 after the murder

Lin, 32, was studying at Montreal's Concordia University. He was last seen on May 24 and was reported missing five days later. A global manhunt was launched for Magnotta after a human foot was sent to the headquarters of Canada's ruling Conservative Party on Tuesday. A hand was later found in the mail at an Ottawa post office, and a torso was discovered in a suitcase in a pile of garbage in Montreal.

While Magnotta's whereabouts were still unknown, he has left a long trail of biographical information online.

The suspect has been dubbed "Canadian Psycho" because a video circulating online and believed to be linked to him shows a man stabbing another man with an ice pick and dismembering him while a

song from the film "American Psycho" plays in the background.

The US white supremacist website Stormfront, run by former Ku Klux Klan leader Don Black, hailed him for supporting a freeze on immigration to North America.

It quoted Magnotta as lamenting that "blacks get their own countries, Chinese get their own countries... however, if white people want their own countries, then we are denied that right."

Others described Magnotta as a washed-up porn star and hustler, who allegedly posted videos online of himself torturing kittens to drum up notoriety.

Freed reporter arrives home with letter for French leader

PARIS (AFP) - A French reporter released after 33 days held by Colombian rebels arrived back home in Paris on Friday with a letter from his captors for President François Hollande.

Romeo Langlois was kidnapped on April 28 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) during an attack on an army unit he was embedded with to film a counter-drug operation.

He arrived at Paris's main Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport aboard a scheduled Air France flight from Bogota and was met by officials including Culture Minister Aurelie Filip-

petti.

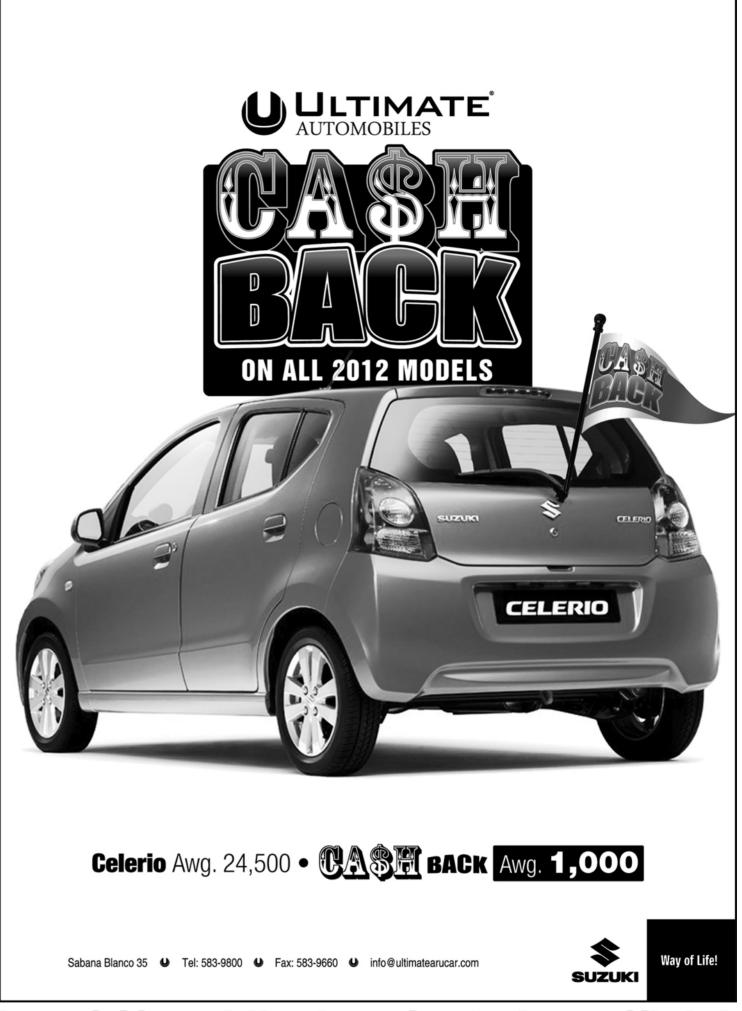
The 35-year-old, who works for broadcaster France 24, was released Wednesday in the remote jungle village of San Isidro to a team from the International Committee of the Red Cross that also included a French envoy and a longtime Colombian peace activist.

In the letter to Hollande, the rebels appeal to "friendly countries, in particular European ones" to "help achieve a negotiated way out" of the Colombian conflict, Langlois said at a news conference hosted by the French Embassy in Bogota before departing for Paris.

Speaking to reporters after a half-hour meeting with the journalist and his parents, Hollande said he had received the letter which "explained the meaning of their operation and apologised... to France" for the kidnapping.

He said there had been "no transaction, no exchange and no conditions" with the FARC to secure Langlois's release.

Founded in 1964, the FARC is the oldest and largest leftist guerrilla group in the country with some 9,200 fight-



Bolivia seizes 249 mobile drug factories: official

ratories and two tons of cocaine have been seized in a major enforcement operation in eastern Bolivia, resulting in around 20 arrests, officials said on Friday.

A vast pile of coca leaves and four clandestine airstrips, likely used by planes trans-

LA PAZ (AFP) - Some 249 porting the drugs elsewhere, country's drug traffickers. mobile drug production labo- were also discovered, said Colonel Gonzalo Quezada, national director of the country's drug enforcement police.

> The operation took place between Tuesday and Thursday, said Bolivian Interior Minister Carlos Romero, who hailed it as a "very important blow" against the

made in the villages of San German and Nuevo Horizonte, about 40 kilometers (35 miles) from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, which is 900 kilometers from La Paz, with police saying at least 20 people had been arrested.

Bolivian law on coca and

controlled substances allow Enforcement Administration as much as 12,000 hectares of land in approved locations to be used to produce coca for legal purposes, however the country is the world's thirdlargest source of cocaine.

Bolivia has in the past year sought to boost aid for its drug trafficking programs since expelling the US Drug in 2008

The government last December asked the European Union and the United Nations to provide helicopters and radar to combat traffickers whose output, according to UN figures, is believed to amount to about 5 percent of GDP.

Health & Living

World cancer cases to rise by 75 percent by 2030



PARIS (AFP) - Worldwide cases of cancer are likely to rise by nearly 75 percent by 2030, driven by demographic and lifestyle factors, according to a study published on Friday in the journal The Lancet Oncology.

A team led by Freddie Bray of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France, said that in 2008 there were 12.7 million new cases of cancer, which would rise to 22.2 million by 2030, with 90 percent of the rise occurring in the poorest countries.

In many countries, falls in cancers linked to infection have been offset by cancers of the colon, rectum, breast and prostate which are associated with a "westernised" diet, they sid.

The study used data from GLOBOCAN, an IARC database of cancer cases in 184 countries.

In 2008, breast, lung, colorectal and prostate cancers accounted for half of the tally of cancers in rich countries. In middle-income countries, cancers of the oesophagus, stomach and liver were relatively more common.

Both categories of coun-

tries have seen falls in cervical and stomach cancer in recent years.

In the poorest countries, cervical cancer was particularly numerous, outstripping the cases of breast and liver cancer.

"If the cancer-specific and sex-specific trends estimated in this study continue, we predict an increase in the incidence of all-cancer cases from 12.7 million new cases in 2008 to 22.2 million by 2030," said the study.

"Targeted interventions can lead to a decrease in the projected increase... through effective primary prevention strategies, alongside the implementation of vaccination, early detection and effective treatment programmes."



US denies name change for high-fructose corn syrup



(AFP) - US regulators denied a request to change the name of high-fructose corn syrup to merely "corn sugar," in a highprofile dispute between two industries.

The effort to change the name comes amid controversy over the sweetener, which is at the epicenter of a dispute over a possible link to obesity.

The Food and Drug Administration said in a ruling that the corn industry failed to back up its request for the name change.

FDA food safety chief Michael Landa said the change would imply "a solid, dried, and crystallized sweetener obtained from corn."

Landa said there is already a solid corn sweetener, called dextrose, and that the liquid corn sweetener contains some ingredients that might adversely affect people "with hereditary fructose intolerance or fructose malabsorption."

The regulatory battle between Big Sugar and Big Corn coincides with a public relations battle.

The FDA affects food labeling but does not prevent advertisements describing "corn sugar," at least according to the corn industry.

"It reaffirms what most consumer advocates, health experts and policy officials have been saying all along: only sugar is sugar. HFCS is not sugar. The next step is for the federal court to end the (the corn industry's) misleading propaganda campaign."

But the Corn Refiners Association said the FDA made its decision on "technical grounds" and did not rule on the issue of whether high fructose corn syrup is nutritionally the same as other sugars.

May 31, was the World No Tobacco Day



MEXICO CITY, Mexico: A man exchanges apples for cigarettes at Revolution Square on May 31, 2012 in Mexico City during the World No Tobacco Day. At least sixty thousand Mexicans die each year from diseases associated with smoking, experts said.

AFP PHOTO

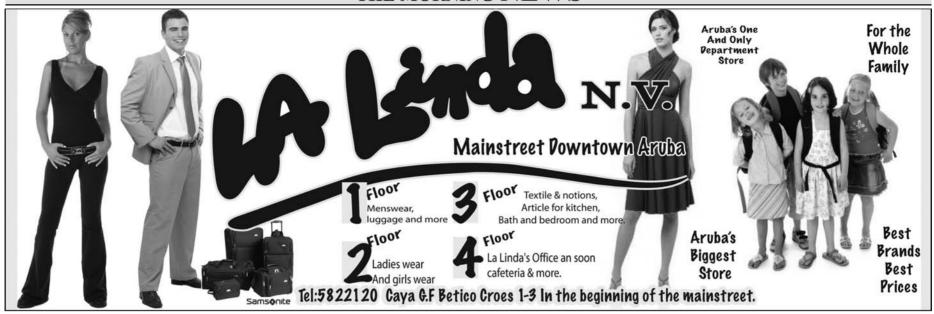




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Sci-Tech

Poland goes cybersmart for Euro 2012 fans



WARSAW (AFP) - Cyberminded fans heading to Euro 2012 in Poland are set to find life easier at the championship after organisers launched smartphone applications to help them navigate their way around.

The free Polish Guide and Check-in Poland apps, rolled out on Friday, were billed as a landmark by Marcin Herra, boss of PL.2012, the body supervising Poland's preparations for the tournament, which kicks off next Friday.

"The Swiss told us they planned something like this when they hosted Euro 2008, but didn't manage it," Herra told reporters.

The smartphone Polish Guide comes in the wake of December's launch of a sevenlanguage portal, polishguide2012.pl.

Both versions are meant to act as a one-stop-shop accommodation, travel and tourist information service for the hundreds of thousands of fans expected at the showcase football tournament.

They also provide practical tips such as where a team's training ground is, how to get to stadiums on matchdays, where the fanzones with big screen are for supporters without tickets, and up-to-theminute alerts on transport

delays.

Within the web portal and smartphone version, fans have the option of buying a "Polish Pass" with pick and mix options.

For example, they can pay in advance for public transport between and within Poland's four host cities: the capital Warsaw, Gdansk on the Baltic Sea, Poznan in the west, and Wroclaw in the southwest.

The Check-in Poland app, meanwhile, offers a Euro 2012-themed social networking service to enable fans to locate and meet their compatriots, or chat with them online.

The app, commissioned by the Polish foreign ministry, also contains details of security, consular services for fans from abroad, and emergency phone numbers.

Co-hosted by Poland and neighbouring Ukraine, Euro 2012 marks the first ever edition of the quadrennial tournament behind the former Iron Curtai.

Poland, which joined the European Union in 2004, is keenly aware that with most fans not having visited before, the championship means not just short-term revenues but also a chance to boost future tourism if supporters are happy.

Under Microsoft, Skype aims for billion users

RANCHO PALOS VERDES (AFP) - Microsoft's Skype Internet telephone service hopes to quadruple the number of users to get to one billion, division president Tony Bates said.

Bates, who heads the unit that was acquired by Microsoft last year but operates autonomously, said growth will come from mobile users and from partnerships like the one Skype has with Facebook.

He cited Facebook as a key to growth for Skype, which now has 250 million users.

"They're the partner of choice," he said, offering the possibility "for us to become the de facto standard for voice and video communication."

The Skype feature on Face-book allows for multiperson conversations and a camera icon that can be clicked on for instant one-on-one video calls with friends.

Bates maintained that because of explosive growth in the use of smartphones, "the top priority is definitely mobile," including competing platforms from firms such as Google's Android and Apple's iOS.

He said Skype is moving to expand its presence on various mobile platforms, with apps that allow smartphone users more calling options by using the Internet.

"Today in terms of downloads it's the iPhone, but Android has the fastest growing momentum."

He said Skype can use the reach of Microsoft, the world's biggest software firm, to expand its presence, but without limiting itself to the Windows platform.

Skype users can make low-cost or free phone calls over the Internet using their computers or smartphones. Skype bypasses the standard telephone network by channeling voice and video calls over the Web.

Final test version of Windows 8 released

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Microsoft released the final test version of its next-generation Windows software crafted to power devices ranging from tablets to desktop computers.

The nearly finished Windows 8 software was available for download in 14 languages at preview.windows.com.

Availability of Windows 8 Release Preview marks the final phase of development before the operating system becomes available to makers of computers and other devices.

Microsoft's upcoming Windows 8 series -- featuring an upgraded cloud computing service -- marks a "rebirth" of its operating system, chief executive Steve Ballmer said last week at a gathering in South Korea.

Ballmer described Windows 8 as the "deepest, broadest and most impactful" Windows software ever created by the Redmond, Washington-based tech giant, after the current Windows 7 sold at unprecedented rates to businesses.

"It's really, in some senses, a dawning of the rebirth of MS Windows... It's certainly the most important piece of work we've done," he said in a speech to the Seoul Digital Forum.

Windows 8 allows users readily to store and share personal data among various devices under the "SkyDrive"

cloud computing service. Rivals Apple and Google offer such services.

The new Microsoft system will support a wider range of devices, including touch- and stylus-based smartphones and tablet PCs as well as desktop and laptop machines, Ballmer said.

The software giant has been trying to expand its presence in the booming software market for smartphones and tablets, which is currently dominated by Apple and Google.

Ballmer predicted that the cloud computing market would become dominated by a few big players.

Cloud computing refers to the popular trend of using software as a service hosted online at data centers instead of downloading and maintaining programs in personal machines.

Web-based email services such as Gmail are common examples of "cloud" computing.

In three to five years from now, "there will be just a few ecosystems that really can get the critical mass", he said.

Ballmer estimated up to 500 million users will have Windows systems next year, promising the "best economic opportunity" for device makers and app developers.

Microsoft will also soon introduce Skype powered by Windows 8, Ballmer said.



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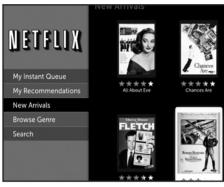
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Netflix tops Apple in booming US online movies



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US online movie business more than doubled in 2011 to rake in \$992 million and will almost double again this year, a research report showed Fri-

The biggest surge came from Netflix, which shifted its focus to subscription video on demand and snagged 44 percent of the market, overtaking Apple's iTunes service, said the report from IHS iSuppli.

2011 marked a sea change in the online movies business that saw the balance of consumer spending shift from a DVD-like transactional model to more TV-like subscription approach," said Dan Cryan, research director for digital media at IHS.

Netflix, which accounted for less than one percent of this market in 2010 to 60 percent

for Apple, turned the tables last year. Apple's share of total revenue declined to 32.3 percent, despite enjoying strong revenue growth.

The report said Americans are showing less interest in owning copies of movies, and opt instead to rent for a single time or have a subscription for

viewing on demand.

"We are in the midst of a significant change in the way people pay to consume movies online," Cryan said, adding that all of the significant revenue growth came from rental business models.

"Rental delivers unlimited consumption with a low monthly fee for older titles as well as cheap rentals of new releases, providing the kind of value that online consumers want.

The IHS report said Netflix and Apple are leading by focusing on the hardware side of the business. Netflix is available on a very wide range of connected devices, while iTunes use a variety of Apple devices.

Netflix rules the subscription market, with its closest competitor, Hulu, less than 10 percent of its size.

Poland sets new retirement age at 67

WARSAW (AFP) - Poland's president approved Friday raising the pension age to 67, an unpopular move the country's centrist government insists is key to keeping the system solvent given this EU nation's ageing population.

The new law will take effect next year and see the current retirement ages of 60 for women and 65 for men gradually increase to 67 by 2020 for men and 2040 for women.

Poland's move follows that of a number of fellow EU states, who are also struggling with demographic changes and keeping their economies competitive.

YESTERDAY'S **Crossword Answer**



Denmark, Germany, Spain and The Netherlands are currently phasing-in 67 as their official retirement age, according to a study commissioned by Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk's centrist Civic Platform party.

The document also cites Italy's plans to hike the retirement age to 70 for men and 66 for women in the coming

US auto sales strong in May despite slow economy

DETROIT (AFP) - Chrysler and Volkswagen posted nearly 30 percent sales increases for May on Friday and Toyota rebounded 87 percent from its earthquakeforced shutdown a year ago as Detroit proved resistant to the slow US economy.

Ford, General Motors and Nissan also reported double-digit increases as May's figures for the US auto market jumped beyond the forecasts of analysts and carmakers.

"In spite of a tremendous amount of global economic uncertainty, the US new vehicle sales industry continues to power ahead," said Reid Bigland, Chrysler's US sales chief.

"Our May sales increased 30 percent and represented our 26th consecutive month of yearover-year sales growth. We are also in the process of adding production capacity as quickly as possible to meet strong demand for our products," he said.

GM, the largest US carmaker, said sales increased 11 percent from May 2011, hitting 245,256 units, the highest monthly total since August 2009 when sales were enhanced by the government's recession-beating 'Cash for Clunkers" pro-

Buick and GMC both reported sales increases of 19 percent and Chevrolet was up 10 percent.



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Greek leftists vow to scrap 'deadly medicine' bailout

GREECE (AFP)-- Greece's radical leftist party Syriza laid out Friday a manifesto likely to leave the country's eurozone future hanging by a thread if it wins elections later this month.

A bailout deal with the EU and IMF in return for painful austerity cuts "is an automatic pilot to utter disaster," Syriza leader Alexis Tsipras said, vowing if elected to scrap the accord and to freeze repayments on Greece's debt mountain.

"We ask for the vote of the Greek people in order to annul it" so that it can be renegotiated, the 37-year-old told a packed auditorium in a run-down Athens neighbour-

him, chanting: "The time of the Left has come.'

Syriza surprised Europe on May 6 by placing second in an inconclusive election that saw voters fed up with salary and pension cuts shift their loyalties to radical parties.

A series of opinion polls published Friday showed that neither Syriza nor its top rival, the conservative New Democracy party, would win an outright majority in new elections called for June 17 after the deadlock.

The vote will determine whether Greece will meet the terms of a deal under which the European Union and International Monetary Fund agreed to lend it hundreds of billions of euros (dollars) in Supporters interrupted return for economic reforms.

US stocks sink on dismal economic data

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks dropped more than two percent Friday, with the Dow turning negative for the vear for the first time, after poor labor market figures showing a meager 69,000 jobs were added in May.

That combined with dismal data on industry from the US, Europe, China and elsewhere to produce a picture of a sharply slowing global economy, sending bulls for the doors on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 274.88 points (2.22 percent) at

That left the Dow down 0.81 percent for the year, the first time the blue-chip index has gone into the red in 2012.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 32.29 points (2.46 percent) to 1,278.04, while the Nasdaq Composite sank 79.86 (2.82 percent) to 2,747.48.

Losses came across the board, with banks hit the hardest, following in the path of earlier sharp market drops in Europe.

Purchasing manager indices for May from China, India, the eurozone and the US were all lower, signaling more slow growth around the globe.

And US household income and spending data for May showed Americans are tapping more into their savings, likely a signal of more strain on spending increases.

The data sent oil prices plummeting alongside stocks, with interest rates in the United States hitting new lows.

Banks took the hardest hits: Bank of America lost 4.5 percent, JPMorgan Chase 3.7 percent, Wells Fargo 5.9 percent, and insurer AIG 6.8 per-

Yum Brands, the owner of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, plunged 8.0 percent, while rival McDonald's lost 2.9 percent.

Apple dropped 2.9 percent and Starbucks fell 5.0 percent.

Paganne-reborn in LA-a fashionable photo shoot in Aruba



THE MORNING NEWS meets Paganne



Models Tatyana and Ysaura in the Lion and Oval Print.



photographer Tyrone goes for a unique effect

Those spectacular prints of Paganne which competed with Oleg Cassini and Pucci and were so iconic of the seventies, paired with pink frosty lipstick and radical geometric haircuts, is again proving "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose." Paganne style is making a spectacular fashion

comeback, in softer, more neutral colors and appealing fabrics, which is all the rage at resorts around the world.

EntrepreneurDmitry Gelfand, spokesperson for Paganne on the ABC Islands, is negotiating with the hope of seeing a signature store in the region, but till then, it was de-



Look of the catalog

cided Aruba proved the perfect backdrop to showcase these sensible but sensuous styles in eye-catching prints.

Island fashion photographer Tyrone Dijkhoff is conducting photo shoots around the island with models Tatyana and Aruba's Mrs. Universe, Ysaura Wong, who will represent Aruba at the pageant to take place in Russia in the next few months. THE MORNING NEWS caught up with them taking advantage of the unique décor of Blossoms restaurant at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach.

Paganne was always a high-end item sold at shops such as Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor and Bloomingdale's. Original Paganne designer Gene Berk joined with Karl Nusser and Peter Pawelek to re-create the line in 2008, capturing the spirit of the 70's and adding some 21st century zeitgeist. All Paganne items are manufactured at their salon in Los Angeles.

Paganne features seven distinctive prints in nine different styles of dresses, tops and skirts and a collection of solids in warm, earthy tones, including those ever-comfortable and popular palazzo pants, which can be mixed and matched as coordinates, or stand alone. Dresses go from mini to full length, and there are tunic tops, wrap dresses, A-line and sheaths with a variety of cuts and necklines to suit any figure and taste. Their complete collection for 2012 can be seen at http://www.paganne.com

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Comic book superhero Green Lantern is gay

NEW YORK (AFP) - He might be Green Lantern, but one of America's most enduring comic book characters is turning rainbow colored as the latest superhero to come out as gay, DC Comics announced Friday.

Starting next week Alan Scott reappears as Green Lantern, "a team leader with a Type-A personality and an appetite for justice," the publisher said in a statement. "Alan also happens to be homosexual."

"Originally a Golden Age character whose previous continuity spanned from the 1940s through modern times, Alan... is getting an update for contemporary times to reflect the world we live in."

The new Green Lantern appears in the second issue of "Earth 2." A sneak preview of part of the storyline on the DC Comics website shows Alan as a strapping, blond man arriving in Hong Kong, where a handsome, dark-haired friend called Sam whisks him off to a luxury hotel.



Series writer James Robinson said that despite the modern revamp, "old-time readers will be pleasantly surprised by how, in some ways, I'm trying to show the 'classic' Alan Scott at the same time. He's still the same dynamic, heroic guy he was."

The imaginary comic world has tried hard recently to introduce ethnic and sexual diversity. DC Comics has a lesbian Batwoman, while Marvel's "Astonishing X-Men" is set to feature a superhero gay marriage.



LONDON- A couple pose for a photograph in front of a floral crown that has been installed in St James's Park in central London on May 29, 2012, to commemorate the Britain's Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. The 4 x 2.5m planted floral crown took five weeks to construct, weighs five tonnes and has the blooms of 13,500 plants.

AFP PHOTO

Ukraine's sex industry bets on **Euro 2012**



KIEV, Ukraine: A picture taken in Kiev on May 16, 2012 shows a social worker providing condoms to a sexworker in Kiev.

AFP PHOTO / INTERNATIONAL HIV / AIDS ALLIANCE IN UKRAINE / HO / STR

KIEV (AFP) - Ukraine's sex industry is banking on pulling in clients and cash during Euro 2012 but campaigners paint stark warnings given that the championship co-host has the highest rate of HIV infection in Eastern Europe.

"Kiev's prostitutes are preparing actively for Euro 2012," one Ukrainian sex site said, claiming that some are even studying the history of the 16 nations taking part in the tournament, plus the basics of football, to get a competitive edge.

Ukraine transformed prostitution from a crime to a misdemeanour in 2006, with fines ranging from eight to 20 euros (£6.5-£16, \$10-\$25), while pimping or running a brothel remains a criminal offence.

The ex-Soviet republic is home to between 52,000 and 83,000 sex workers, with 11,000 in the capital Kiev alone, according to campaign the International group HIV/AIDS Alliance.

In the other tournament venues, Donetsk and Kharkiv in the east, the number is put at over 3,000, and Lviv in the west, almost 2,500.

Hundreds of thousands of fans are expected to flood in for Euro 2012, which kicks off on June 8 in Warsaw, capital of co-host Poland, and ends with the final in Kiev on July 1.

Ukrainian feminist group FEMEN -- best known for its topless protests -- warns that Euro 2012 could see a rise in sex tourism and is campaigning under the slogan "Ukraine is not a brothel".

Working in a secret brothel set up in an apartment in Kiev, 24-year-old Natasha says she hopes to get enough clients to buy a car, even though she reckons most visitors will be caught up by the football.

"All men are the same and football and beer are more important for them but they aren't going to spend the whole night drinking," she told AFP in a telephone inter-

With an influx of fans from richer West European nations, many prostitutes are set to hike their rates, said Olena Tsukerman, who runs sexworkers' rights organisation Legalife.

So-called VIP prostitutes, who speak foreign languages and currently charge between 100 and 200 euros an hour, could double or triple their fees, Tsukerman said.

However, she poured cold water on the idea of being able to rake in the cash.



"At the start, everyone's going to raise their prices and wait for the influx. But the statistics suggest it won't happen," she said, noting that many brothels in 2006 World Cup host Germany made a

International HIV/AIDS Alliance spokesman Kostyantvn Pertsovski echoed that.

"The experience of European countries shows that there's no point expecting an influx of sex tourists. Foreign fans prefer to drink beer," he

Tsukerman noted, however, that corrupt police officers are hiking the bribes they demand to turn a blind eye to brothels.

Prostitutes speaking on condition of anonymity said the sum was around \$1,000 per phone number used by the brothel.

Fans who have sex with prostitutes will be taking an extra risk: Ukraine currently has Eastern Europe and Central Asia's highest rates of HIV infection, with sexual intercourse having overtaken injecting drug use as the main form of transmission.

According to data from UNAIDS, at least 350,000 people aged 15 and over up in the nation of 46 million are living with the HIV virus that can lead to AIDS.

According to a 2011 study carried by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, prostitutes are among the most-affected groups, with 24 percent HIV positive in Kiev and 38 percent in Donetsk.

While prostitutes and brothels contacted by AFP in Kiev said they were aware of the risks and used condoms, the study indicated that only 60 percent ruled out unprotected sex.

Some are prepared to have sex without a condom in exchange for an extra payment: while the figures for that category are still being processed, a 2010 survey indicated that 22 percent would

On top of that, clients do not help.

"Ninety percent say they don't want to use a condom,' according to former prostitute Irina.

Mindful of the problem, European football's governing body UEFA has launched a campaign targeted at fans who have sex -- not just with prostitutes -- urging them to use condoms.

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Prandelli unconvinced by Italy's history of adversity



Rome (AFP) - Italy have twice before won the World Cup following a match-fixing scandal but coach Cesare Prandelli says he does not read too much into that statistic.

The country is once again gripped by the shame of a match-fixing episode just ahead of a major international tournament but Prandelli believes it would be wrong to expect another instance of triumph through adversity.

In 1982 Italy won their third World Cup just two years after the Totonero scandal that saw star forward Paolo Rossi banned for two years and only just allowed back in time to fire the Azzurri to triumph.

Then in 2006 Calciopoli broke but again Italy regrouped, dug deep and finished victorious for the fourth time at a World Cup.

But Prandelli would still prefer to avoid such affairs that have seen him ditch first choice left-back Domenico Criscito from his tournament squad due to the 25-year-old's implication in Calcioscommesse.



"As I've said before it seems to me that comparisons with 2006 are familiar ground," he

"People say that adversity unites a group and I hope that's the case

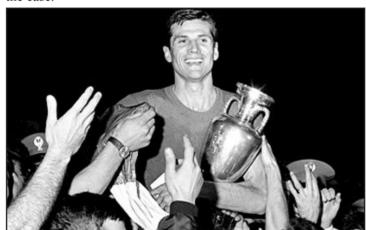
claiming he did so for the player's own good.

But he denied accusations of double standards as he is taking Leonardo Bonucci to the Euros despite his implication in Calcioscommesse.

Police affected a search warrant against Criscito whereas Bonucci has merely been accused of involvement by a former team-mate, who himself has admitted to taking a bribe.

"It was very painful cutting Criscito from the 23 from a human perspective," added Prandelli.

"We couldn't make him shoulder the responsibility of



Captain Giacinto Facchetti celebrating after a 2-0 game over Yugoslavia to win Euro 1968.

"But I don't subscribe to the theory that Italians thrive in difficulty, we thrive in serenity."

The current sports betting scandal, which has seen the involvement of some high profile names such as Lazio captain and former Italy international Stefano Mauri, involves Italian clubs but not the national team.

And Prandelli says it is the national team's job to make the public forget about their domestic club woes

"We're Italy and we have to put on a brave face even in the most uncomfortable ments," he said.

"We have to tackle the most sensitive themes with the dignity of people who approach their own work in the most serious manner.

"These players are sensitive lads but they're lucky, they can let their tensions out on the

"When they've got rid of their mental fatigue they can play football."

Prandelli also spoke of his pain at ditching Criscito,

carrying that around with him at the Euros, we wanted to offer him protection.

"He told me straight away that he has nothing to do with it and we believe in him.

"But the most annoying thing is that people have likened Bonucci's situation to Criscito's.

"But he hasn't been served notice of anything and that's why he's coming to the Euros."

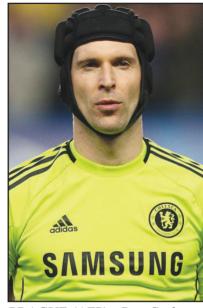
In further developments, former Italy international forward Christian Vieri has been summonsed to give evidence to the Cremona public prosecutor relating to an intercepted telephone call between footballer Antonio Bellavista and Ivan Tisci, both of whom have been arrested.

Meanwhile Lazio insist they have nothing to do with the investigation despite the involvement of Mauri.

It has been suggested that Lazio could lose their place in next season's Europa League over the affair.

Two Lazio matches, against Genoa and Lecce, from last season are believed to have been fixed.

Petr Cech - the Czech Republic's 'Mr Perfect'



PRAGUE (AFP) - Petr Cech has earned the nickname "Mr Perfect" ("Pan Dokonaly") from the Czech media but he will be seeking to leave a better impression at Euro 2012 than he did in the previous edition.

The 30-year-old Chelsea goalkeeper -- who has won 89 caps and is going to his fourth major finals -- committed a rare error in their final group match against Turkey in 2008, dropping a cross and allowing them back into the game..

The Turks were 2-0 down at the time with 15 minutes to play. They went on to win 3-2 and progress to the last eight at the Czechs' expense.

Such a mistake was telling in that it was out of character for Cech and in stark contrast to his achievement in Euro 2004 of being named goalkeeper of the tournament, as a thrilling Czech side reached the last four.

This time round, Cech goes to Poland and Ukraine brimming with confidence, after he crowned several stunning displays for Chelsea in the Champions League with a matchwinning one in the final.

The former Rennes star, who joined Chelsea in 2004 and on Monday signed a new four year contract to keep him at Stamford Bridge, saved Arjen Robben's extratime penalty and then two more in the penalty shootout that saw Chelsea emerge victorious.

His footballing destiny might have been so much different without a childhood accident while growing up in

"I began playing football when I was seven years old, as a striker," he recalled.

"But three years later, I broke a leg. Plastered, I wasn't able to run, but I was still able to play in goal."

Cech, who enjoyed success with the national side when they won the European under-21 title in 2002 -- the same year he won his first senior cap -- took a circuitous journey to west London.

First he played for Czech minnows Chmel Blsany then domestic giants Sparta Prague before moving in 2002 to unglamorous French outfit Rennes.

Cech, who speaks seven other languages other than Czech, has flourished at Chelsea but his career almost came to a premature end in October 2006 when he fractured his skull in a collision with then-Reading player Stephen Hunt.

He was out of action for several months but now has to wear protective headgear during matches.

"Because I have already fractured my skull, no-one can guarantee that it won't happen again," said Cech, who has also won three Premier League titles and four FA cups with Chelsea.

"No-one wants to take the risk of that reoccurring. The headgear allows me to play. I am used to it, and it doesn't hinder me during a game."

Aside from spending time with his family when not playing football, the fatherof-two has another favourite pursuit -- drumming.

"It is a great way of relaxing. To learn a U2 song after a month is an extraordinary feeling," he said.

Cech has formed a mini band with his Czech teammate Tomas Rosicky of Arsenal, who is a keen guitarist.

Both men know what they will do if they have a quiet moment during the group stage.

"There is no problem. If we find a studio during Euro, we can play together and why not compse a song for our squad," said Cech with a

At the French Open test



Belarus Victoria Azarenka serves to Canada' Aleksandra Wozniak

PARIS (AFP) - Roger Federer survived another awkward French Open assignment on Friday to book a last 16 match-up with Belgium's David Goffin, the first lucky loser in 17 years to make a Grand Slam fourth round.

Federer, the champion in Paris in 2009, overcame battling French world number 89 Nicolas Mahut 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, being pushed to four sets for the second match in succession.

Goffin is the first lucky loser from qualifying to make the last 16 of a major since compatriot Dick Norman at Wimbledon in 1995 and the first at Roland Garros since 1978

The 21-year-old achieved the feat by beating Poland's

Lukasz Kubot 7-6 (7/4), 7-5, 6-1, having originally lost in the final qualifying round last week.

He was then handed a lifeline when French star Gael Monfils pulled out on the eve of the event.

Top seed Novak Djokovic, bidding to become just the third man in history and first since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, breezed past French qualifer Nicolas Devilder 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

In a match-up of the highest-ranked and lowest-ranked men in the tournament, the 32year-old Devilder, the world Anderson's hopes of becoming the first South African man to reach the last 16 of a Grand Slam for nine years in a third round slugfest.

The 31st seed from Johannesburg was attempting to match comptariot Wayne Ferreira who made the fourth round at the Australian Open in 2003

But after taking a two sets to one lead, he eventually ran out of steam, losing 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4 6-4, eight minutes short of four hours.

In Women category French Open favourites Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova both made smooth progress on Friday, but it was the end of the road for number three seed Agnieszka Radwanska.

The Pole was given a lesson in claycourt tennis from former champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, the Russian winning 6-1, 6-2 in third round action.

Sharapova swept aside Japan's Ayumi Morita 6-1, 6-1 in what was a second round match held over from Thursday because of the marathon clash between Paul-Henri Mathieu and John Isner.

Top seed Azarenka was on late in the day, re-scheduled to Court One, and she hammered



France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga hits a return to Italy's Fabio Fognini

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Seppi, who won the Belgrade claycourt title in the run-up to Roland Garros, stunned Spain's 14th seed Fernando Verdasco 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

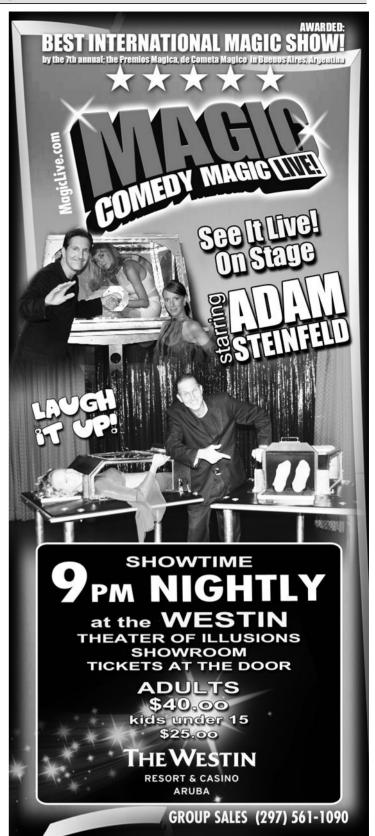
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the fifth seed, did his part to keep alive home hopes of a first men's champion since 1983 when he defeated colourful Italian Fabio Fognini 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Next up for Tsonga is Stanislas Wawrinka, the 18th-seeded Swiss, who edged French 11th seed Gilles Simon 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-2.

Seventh-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych ended Kevin out a 6-4, 6-4 win over Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak just before sunset.

Radwanska was the highest seed to fall in the tournament so far as she had no answer to the all-court game of Kuznetsova, who won at Roland Garros in 2009, five years after she won the US Open, her only other Grand Slam title.

Ana Ivanovic,a former world number one, but seeded just 13th this year, looked comfortable in the first set against claycourt specialist Sara Errani, but her game started to unwind in the second as the little Italian retrieved everything that came her way to run out a 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 winner.



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NBA: Thunder halt San Antonio's 20-game win streak



OKLAHOMA CITY: Kevin Durant #35 of the Oklahoma City Thunder goes up for a shot against Tiago Splitter #22 of the San Antonio Spurs in the first half in Game Five

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - four at Oklahoma City on Kevin Durant scored 22 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder snapped San Antonio's 20-game win streak with a 102-82 triumph on Thursday to trim the Spurs' lead in their NBA playoff series.

The Spurs still lead 2-1 in the best-of-seven Western Conference final with game Saturday. The winner will face the Eastern Conference winner, either the Miami Heat or Boston Celtics, in the NBA Finals.

"It was good for us to get a win in front of the home crowd," said Thunder standout Thabo Sefolosha. "We knew coming back home it would be a different ball game. It's going to be a long series. This is only one game."

San Antonio ended the regular season with 10 victories in a row and began the playoffs with 10 consecutive triumphs to match the third-longest total win streak in NBA history.

But the streak was snapped by the most lopsided playoff loss in Spurs' history.

"They just flat out beat us," San Antonio's Stephen Jackson said. "They played with more energy. They gave us a good old fashioned buttwhipping."

The Spurs had not lost in 50 days since falling April 11 at home to the Los Angeles Lakers, who set the NBA record with a 33-game win streak in 1971-72. Houston won 22 in a row in 2008 and Milwaukee also won 20 in a row in 1971.

"We haven't lost in a while. We'll see how we react to it," Spurs veteran big man Tim Duncan said. "Hopefully the guys will come back jacked

The Thunder, losers in 10 of their prior 11 games against the Spurs, outscored San Antonio 32-17 in the second quarter to claim a 54-41 half-time advantage and never let the visitors back into the game in the second half.

"They played very well. They played like it was a close-out game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They played better than we did. We played much more poorly than we have and they played fantastic basketball in every way."

The Spurs, seeking a fifth NBA crown in 14 seasons, produced their fewest firsthalf points in this year's playoffs.

"We played defensiveminded basketball. That's how we win," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said.

Swiss playmaker Sefolosha scored 19 points and, in a defensive change for the Thunder, was able to contain Spurs' guard Tony Parker, keeping the Frenchman to 16 points.

"It worked out for us," Sefolosha said. "I was able to

bother him a little bit. Everybody was locked in as a team. That's what we needed to do. My teammates did a great job finding me and the ball went in for me."

Jackson added 16 points for the Spurs while Duncan contributed 11 points and five blocked shots, becoming the NBA career playoff blocks leader in the process with 478, two more than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

"We had hoped to win every game, but we didn't," Duncan said. "Game four, we are going to be ready and we're going to bring it. The series is about adjustments. They made some and now we have to make some."

After two home triumphs had put San Antonio halfway to the NBA Finals, the Spurs now find themselves looking for answers against a younger, faster lineup.

"We will be more aggressive next game," Parker promised. "They played with a lot of energy. They played harder than us. We have to play a lot better if we want to win."